

March 2, 1972

John . Dokter

Services were held February 17 at the Rude Funeral Chapel in Brookings for John Jacob Dokter, 87, former Andoverite. The Rev. Earl Gulbranson of Langford officiated. A poem written by the deceased was read, and a trio of nieces, Mrs. Harold Peterson, Mrs. Herman Eklo and Mrs. Millard Denholm, sang, accompanied by Mrs. Craddock.

John Jacob Dokter was born in the Netherlands August 24, 1884, and came with his parents to Andover in 1895. He attended Andover schools and State College at Brookings. He taught school for one term and was then employed in the Bristol Creamery for several years.

He was married to Bessie Edgar Jan. 29, 1918, at the Lawrence Philbrook home in Webster. After her death in February, 1919, he travelled for a time before going to Watervliet, Mich., where he lived and worked in the fruit business until his retirement. He enjoyed gardening and flower breeding and exhibited many prize winning flowers in Michigan state fairs.

After his retirement he lived in Andover until 1970 when he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to live with his youngest sister, Mrs. Patrick Daniels. He continued his gardening and flower growing and enjoyed reading until his sudden death Feb. 12, 1972.

He attended the Congregation Church in Watervliet and the Methodist Church in Andover.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Grace Hanson of Doland and Mrs. Patrick Daniels, Cincinnati, Ohio, and two brothers, Guy and John Dokter of Andover.

Pallbearers were Patrick Daniels, Kenneth Dokter, Harold Peterson, Clair Brown, Marvin Raap and George Hove. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brookings.